



# Moultonborough Town News

Spring 2010



## MOULTONBOROUGH CodeRED™ System Goes Live

If you received a call on March 8<sup>th</sup> about the Town Election and Town Meeting you are enrolled in the Town's new community notification system known as CodeRED™. If you did not receive that call it means that you are not listed in the so-called "White Pages" that we received from the phone company. This is common for those with unlisted numbers, cell phones or Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) service.

All businesses, property owners and residents, be they year round, seasonal, or just the occasional visitor, are encouraged to register their preferred contact information by going to the Town's web site, [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov), and clicking on the CodeRED™ button. This link takes users to the registration section. You will also find an extensive list of Questions and Answers (FAQs) on many aspects of this new program. Those without Internet access may ask a friend or neighbor to print the form out for them or to help them with the on-line registration process. People may also use the Library's free computer and Internet access program, pick up a brochure with the registration form at Town Hall and the Public Safety Building, call 1.603.476.5658 or drop a note requesting the form to the Fire and Emergency Services Department, P.O. Box 446, Moultonborough, NH 03254, Attention: CodeRED™ Registration.

Although the federal Do Not Call Registry does not apply to the Town we have created a similar **Do Not Call List**. Those who do not wish to receive these emergency and civic notifications may be placed on this list. The form required for that is available on the Town's web site and at the same locations as the original registration forms. Unless compelled to by a court order or subpoena, the system operator may not share, sell, rent or lease the data base to any third party and neither will the Town.

The new system is a part of the effort by the Town to ensure that residents and taxpayers have as much access to information on public safety matters and important events as can be made available in a practical manner. The Town can now send voice messages and automated weather alerts out to the entire community in less than 30 minutes. Targeted calls just for a specific neighborhood, such as a construction project, can be sent out in an even shorter time.

## ROAD SIGN PROJECT UNDERWAY



Have you noticed the new street signs popping up around town? Have you wondered why we are replacing what seem like perfectly good signs?

In 2008 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) changed street sign standards by requiring an increased size of the sign and lettering as well as retro-reflectivity. The FHWA establishes standards for municipal, state and federal highways. These standards are known as the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) allowed for a five year implementation period for compliance to the standards.

This is the first year of several over which we will meet these new standards with the installation of the new 9" sign panel with 6" lettering which is retro-reflective.

Also as the signs are replaced we are changing the sign

post to a safety break-a-way mounting system. The new signs are being installed at the intersection of all Town and State roads, and private and Town and or State roads.



The roads which are Private Roads will now have the designation PVT at the end of the road name to clearly identify they are not public roads.

The Board of Selectmen has decided to only replace the signs which are Town or State, and private roads which intersect with a town or state road. The town can no longer maintain the signs on private roads. However, residents on private roads or associations can purchase the same signs, and the safety breakaway posts, through the Town's vendor(s) if they desire. Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Road Agent Scott Kinmond, Director of Public Works at [skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov) or 603-253-7445.



## COMMUNITY LANDMARKS TOUR AUGUST 8, 2010

The Moultonborough Heritage Commission will hold its first Community Landmarks Tour on Sunday, August 8, 2010, in collaboration with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. The event will feature the 'Historic Inns and Estates of Moultonborough Neck and Long Island' and will focus attention on key sites of boarding house tourism and summer estate building from c. 1880-1920. The Heritage Commission is dedicated to promoting the appreciation and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in Moultonborough.

The tour will visit five sites featured by the Heritage Commission's 2009 lecture series, including two private properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There will be an introductory lecture, lunch, and touring at the Geneva Point Center, formerly known as the Roxmont Poultry Farm and later as the Winnepesaukee Inn property. After lunch, participants will independently tour four area properties. For registration and details, please contact the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance at 603-224-2281 or [www.nhpreservation.org](http://www.nhpreservation.org).

**PARKING, PARKING ...  
NOT EVERYWHERE,  
NOT JUST ANYWHERE**

Please be sure to have the proper beach sticker and observe posted signage particularly in the Long Island beach area to ensure you do not receive a parking ticket as we enforce our local regulations in an effort to provide safe and adequate parking.

**Need to Contact Us:** Phone: (603) 476-2347 Fax: (603) 476-5835

**[www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov)**



## MOULTONBOROUGH STREAMLINES RECYCLING CENTER OPERATIONS

During the past year the Moultonborough Transfer Station has streamlined its recycling operations to better serve its residents, increase recycling rates, and improve our efficiency. These streamlining tactics have involved some physical plant changes, as well as some operational changes. With the user as a more active participant in the processing of materials, the addition of some equipment, and the changes in processing techniques, we have been able to eliminate almost \$100,000 a year in operational costs.

**Physical Facility Changes:** You will notice the addition of a shed for depositing glass and (now) similar materials we could not accept before. The glass shed serves as a self serve deposit area with three (3) large dumping bins which are placed for residents to deposit into. This area was designed to accept the possibility of future color separation should the market demand. With the former glass window freed up residents are now able to self sort their three types of plastics. This separation is critical as commodities market requires it. Each plastic type has its own re-use. Some plastics are reused in plastic containers and some are used to make fleece clothing.

These changes allowed us to free up space within the inside of the facility. In that space we added two (2) additional balers to complement the previous two (2) balers. These are used to bale recyclable commodities such as metal cans, aluminum cans, cardboard and three (3) grades of plastic containers. With the added machines and the new sorting system we have reduced the need for constant re-handling of the materials. We are now able to bale them directly from the containers as you deposit the materials.

The final phase of the physical facility changes will be the landscaping and paving in the glass shed area and the addition of two more deposit windows on the main facility to accept cardboard(s) and print/tear-able paper. With the forecasted renovation completion this spring we hope to again gain better recycling efficiency, which will alleviate staff time in separation and more time for customer service and processing of the recyclables for marketing.

**Operational Changes:** The operations at the facility have had further positive effects upon our recycling efforts and efficiency. With the staff time freed up in material handling we have been able to dedicate a staff person to being in the traffic areas. This has helped reduce waiting times, and improved the proper disposal of MSW (Household Waste), C&D (Construction and Demolition Waste) and recycling.

Many years ago the residents committed to recycling and with it came the Town policy/ordinance of "mandatory" recycling. This policy/ordinance was designed to do two things; 1.) Commit to the recycling effort, minimizing pollutants into the eco system and 2.) Reduce the cost of waste disposal by a reduction of waste tonnage. That effort continues today with our customer service educational process of pulling (removing) all recyclables which may be in household waste, to the recycling stream.

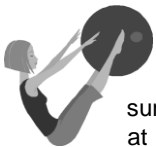
This reduces the tonnage of MSW we have to dispose of which currently costs you \$145.00 per ton. For every jar, can, milk jug and piece of paper we recycle this is a dramatic savings in disposal costs and in some cases even an actual revenue that we receive. In 2009 we disposed of approximately 976 tons of MSW, and recycled 393 tons of recyclables (glass, plastics, paper, cardboard, metal/aluminum cans). These recyclables brought in a total revenue after disposal of \$9550, versus an expense of \$58,000 if disposed of as regular waste. The Staff is working to help educate users of the savings afforded to the Town for the recycling effort, and diligently work to reduce the costs of the disposal operations. "Please help us, to help you in these efforts."



During the year we will work better to keep our Patrons informed of how we are all doing with our recycling efforts, and disposal and commodities tonnages. We will do this with a large white/grease board and keep you updated on all the good work of our users. We will also be adding to our "Going Green" program with the stock piling of brush for future chipping for use by electrical generation plants as a fuel or landscaper for the making of mulch. Previously we had burned the brush, and used the ash in our compost, which required staff time to monitor and then laboratory testing of the ash before disposal. We will continue our composting efforts as material is available.

If you should have any concerns or comments regarding the operations, please feel free to e-mail the Facility Supervisor Scott Greenwood at [sgreenwood@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:sgreenwood@moultonboroughnh.gov) or Road Agent Scott Kinmond at [skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:skinmond@moultonboroughnh.gov).

**LOOKING TO RECYCLE MORE ITEMS? TRY [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)**



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Moultonborough Recreation Department's summer program offerings are available on our website at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) and will be available in hard copy at the Town Hall, Rec. Dept., Library, schools and various other places around Town. In an attempt to keep our paper consumption to a minimum we encourage you to please take advantage of the web. Our summer offerings include but are not limited to: Traditional Playground Programs for children 6-8 and 9-12, Teen Adventure, Hot and Happy for pre-school children and their parents, tennis lessons for adults and children, swimming lessons, tennis tournaments, soccer camp, creative writing for children, drama camp for children, dance program, adult yoga, jazzercise, Zumba, adult softball league and much more. The deadline for the Teen Adventure, Happy Campers and REcking Crew is Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> – we will continue to take registrations after June 9<sup>th</sup> only if space allows, however we can cut off registrations at any time after that date and will not take any registrations for these programs after noon on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The registration deadline for the first session of tennis and swimming lessons is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Long Island Beach is projected to open, with lifeguards on duty, June 19<sup>th</sup>. This date is subject to change as it is based on weather and guard availability. Please check to be sure guards are on duty before assuming so. States Landing is a "swim at your own risk" facility.

In conjunction with the Historical Society's Old Home Day Celebration, we'll be offering Old Foam Day Celebration – more information to follow. We have many more activities, events and programs for all ages.

We will be returning to Cabbage Island, ME on July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the "Lobster and Clambake." We also have upcoming adult trips to the Lupine Festival, Isle of Shoals and more. "S.W.I.F.T – Seniors with Interests in Fitness and Things" will also return this summer. Please check the Rec. Dept.'s website, the Meredith News, flyers at the Rec. Dept., Library and Town Hall for more information on adult and senior programs.



## LIBRARY NEWS by Nancy McCue, Director

The Library staff is looking forward to another busy summer. We now have 14 high-speed Internet access computers for our patrons to use. Our wireless access is always available (no password required) even when the Library is closed.

This spring we added a new feature to our website. Library users may now sign up at Mango Languages to learn a new language (French, Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese or Mandarin Chinese). We also offer access to thousands of audio books available through downloadable audio books at our website.

We have a wide variety of programs planned for the summer months. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, noted Antiques Road Show appraiser Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston will come to the Library to answer the question "Is There Value in Your Old and Rare Books?" On June 8 we will have a NH Humanities Council program on "Italian Gardens: Then and Now." On June 29 we will have a lecture and display of the history of armor from the Higgins Armory in Worcester, MA.

The Recreation Department and the library will offer two combined programs. The first will include a demonstration of "Do-It-Yourself Summer Skin Solutions" by Wintergreen Botanicals on June 1<sup>st</sup>, then a bus trip on June 16<sup>th</sup> to see the lovely lupines in Sugar Hill (including the obligatory lunch break at Polly's Pancake Parlor). The second program will include a lecture on the history of the Isles of Shoals, then a bus and narrated boat trip out to the Isles with a stopover on Star Island on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Historical Society and the Library will have three shared NH Humanities Council programs at their regular meetings: June 14<sup>th</sup>: "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River," October 12<sup>th</sup>: "Colonial NH," November 8<sup>th</sup>: "Camp Stark: NH's WWII German Prisoner of War Camp."

The Heritage Commission and the library will co-sponsor two programs. The first will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> with local Forest Fire Warden Ed Maheux lecturing on the history of the Red Hill Fire Tower. The second program (from the NH Humanities Council) will be an illustrated talk on northern New England farm architecture, titled "Big House, Little House, Back Yard, Barn."

Our huge annual Book Sale will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>.

In August we will have an art exhibit with local artist and children's book illustrator Karel Hayes and her students. On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eric Pinder will give a presentation on Life Atop Mount Washington. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, a volunteer from the Wright Museum will lecture on the history of the SS Mount Washington during WWII.

### AHOY READERS!

"Make a Splash....Read!" is the theme this summer at the world of water and water fun through stories, songs and crafts



The 2010 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, pre-school through young adult with programs, reading prizes, story hours and more. Youngsters may play "Catch the Reading Wave" game and register starting June 28<sup>th</sup>. Highlights during the seven week program will be performances by singer Steve Blunt and artist Marty Kelly, magic by Norman Ng, meeting exotic animals from Wildlife Encounters Zoo and singing around a campfire with Paul Warnick. For more information check our website [www.moultonboroughlibrary.org](http://www.moultonboroughlibrary.org)....Judi Knowles

Moultonborough Public Library. Children will explore the about oceans, rivers, lakes and creatures that live there.



## VISITING NURSE SERVICES

The Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service has been providing home care service to the residents of this community since 1971. We offer quality home care with our team of compassionate and professional nurses and therapists to assist you or a family member with recovery from surgery or illness. Services are provided under the direct orders of your physician.

The staff will evaluate and assess your status; then a plan of care is established to provide the interventions most appropriate to meet your home health care needs. There are times when the MVNS is unable to meet your needs; in situations like this we will make every effort to assist you with referrals to available community resources.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

This years HHW Day will be held on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am - 12pm at the Highway Garage. Resident can view what items will be accepted at [http://www.lakesrpc.org/services\\_hhw.asp](http://www.lakesrpc.org/services_hhw.asp)



## TOWN CLERK NEWS

There is a new addition to the Town Clerk's office online services. In January 2010, we added (E-Dog) dog license renewals. This service was added to our successful (E-Reg) which is the online motor vehicle registration renewal and motor vehicle estimate capability. The E-Reg has been in place since 2007.

Please visit and try renewing by going to the town website at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov) and look for the E-Reg and E-Dog icons.

The State Primary election is September 14, 2010 and the State General election is November 2, 2010.



## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

The Moultonborough Safe Routes to Schools Committee was established in April of 2009 for a grant awarded by the State Department of Transportation. The purpose of the committee was to identify and develop a plan that included recommendations to improve the conditions within a two mile radius of the school district to make a safe environment for students to walk and bike to school. The committee sent out questionnaires to parents and students with questions about walking and biking to school and requesting input regarding how safe they feel the community is and what can be improved. The committee also worked with Lakes Region Planning Commission to map out known routes and make and note all observations regarding the routes within the two mile radius of the School District.

Once all the data and information was collected the committee met several times to review and formulate the ideas into a Travel Plan document that was presented to the School Board and the Board of Selectmen, both Boards approved the Travel Plan.

In summary about what Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) seeks to accomplish and who is involved: SRTS programs are sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school. The SRTS program examines conditions around schools and conducts projects and activities that work to improve safety and accessibility, and reduce traffic in the vicinity of schools. These programs help make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation choice thus encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.





## ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS PASS AT TOWN MEETING

Following well-attended Public Hearings on January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Board forwarded four proposed amendments to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for 2010 Town Meeting. This year voters approved all four amendments.

Two of the proposed amendments are new ordinances pertaining to water quality and protection and were based on the state's model ordinances. First proposed by the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board deliberated on their content over the course of three months before finalizing them for public hearings.

The Stormwater Management Ordinance is intended to protect against Stormwater runoff and pollution through erosion associated with new development or redevelopment, and to preserve groundwater recharge rates in the Town. It applies to all subdivisions creating new roads, commercial and multi-family developments and redevelopments which disturb 20,000 square feet or more in all zoning district(s). All such development will be required to submit a Stormwater Management Plan to the Planning Board with their subdivision or site plan applications. This report must certify that there will be no negative impact to water quality after the proposed development has occurred, when compared to pre-development conditions on the site, and must be certified by a licensed engineer. The ordinance takes effect June 30, 2010.



Similarly, the Groundwater Protection Ordinance is intended to preserve, maintain, and protect from contamination the existing and potential groundwater supply areas in the Town, and to protect surface waters that are fed by groundwater, such as Lake Winnepesaukee. It creates an overlay zoning district for these areas and requires that any commercial use that will render impervious more than 15 percent or more than 2,500 square feet of any lot, whichever is greater, must submit a Stormwater Management Plan prepared by a licensed engineer. While applying to all uses in all zones within the overlay district, the ordinance does not prohibit the storage and handling of products in quantities for normal household use. This ordinance also takes effect June 30, 2010.

There were two other amendments to the ordinance which took effect upon passage. The first affected commercial zones along Route 25. These were dimensional changes only and do not effect commercial uses within these zones. Changes include reducing the front setbacks to allow for buildings to be closer to Route 25, and screening for parking on commercial lots. A 25-foot vegetated buffer is also required, where feasible, for all development along the front boundary of the lot to encourage landscaping and better design of sites which, it is hoped, will help to maintain the rural feel of the Route 25 corridor while allowing for development along this major commercial artery.

Finally, there were minor changes to the Town's existing Sign Ordinance by adding a prohibition for internally illuminated signs in the Village Center and a reduction in size for off premise directional signs from 16 square feet to 4 square feet, each.



## LIGHTEC, INC. MOULTONBOROUGH'S BUILDINGS MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT

Have you ever wondered how you get the money you invest in an improvement to repay itself in just 2.5 years?

Well, the Town has found the answer to just that question in a unique partnership with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. As part of its ongoing efforts to control its utility costs, the Town reached out to the Co-op to see what energy savings programs they might have that we could tap into.

The Co-op brought in the Merrimack, NH based firm of Light-Tec which has been doing these energy savings studies for over 20 years now ([www.lighttec.net](http://www.lighttec.net)). Working with Andy Daigneau of the Public Works Department, LighTEC staff conducted an energy audit of the Town Hall, Highway Garage, Library, Public Safety Building, Recreation Department, Transfer Station, and the Neck Road Fire Station. Using a series of prescriptive measures outlined by the Coop, Bill Veccio, Account Manager for Moultonborough and Jim Grady, President of LighTec, developed a plan of action for the most energy efficient, cost effective projects.

Under this program the Town has reduced it's kilowatt usage by 13% overall, with the largest kilowatt reduction seen at the Highway Garage at 27%. The total cost of these retrofits is just under \$49,500 with the Town itself only paying half. The Co-op

rebated the other half to the Town after all the work was completed and inspected for conformance with the prescribed improvement program. It was estimated that the annual savings will be about \$10,500 thus paying for itself in just 2.5 years!

The first building that was finished was the Highway Department. The electric bill for that building showed an average KW reduction of about 25% for a savings of \$149.34 for that one building in that first month. The Town is now working with LighTec to monitor the buildings to keep an accurate record of the cost savings on all fuels as part of the project. Upon completion of the lighting project, and using the results of a recent thermal imaging study of our Town buildings, the Town will be looking at other energy savings measures. We will keep you informed as this progresses.

If you run a commercial business and want to explore an efficiency project you should call Craig Snow at the Co-op at 536-8673 or email him at [snowc@nhec.com](mailto:snowc@nhec.com) and he will get you in touch with the right people.

By being proactive in developing an energy conservation program, Moultonborough removed 47.7 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents from the atmosphere. That equates to the removal of CO2 emissions from 4,909 gallons of gasoline consumed on an annual basis!

## OUR ATTACK ON THE MILFOIL PROBLEM



At the 2010 Moultonborough Town Meeting, voters approved a \$200,000 warrant article establishing a Milfoil Control Trust Fund. This year we will create and begin implementing a state approved 5-Year Milfoil Control Plan. Additional supporting projects are 1) a Lake Hosts Program to prevent milfoil from crossing the shorelines, 2) a Weed Watchers Program to detect new or resurgent milfoil problems, 3) a Multi-town effort to share equipment and other expenses for hand pulling milfoil.

Volunteers are crucial to our success. If you can help or would just like to know more, go to the town website at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov), click on "Town Committees", then click on "Moultonborough Milfoil Committee".